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WALHALLA, S. C.:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1911.

HOLD YOUR COTTON.

In carrying out the plans recently made to secure signatures to an agreement to hold cotton for better prices, committees have been appointed for Oconee county to secure signatures to such a petition, and the committees have gone to work.

It is pretty generally conceded that cotton cannot be sold at present prices except at a loss to the producer. A fair estimate of the average cost of production has been placed at 10 cents per pound, and yet not a few have been selling already for less than that amount. It seems strange that any one should do this. If the producer is in such shape that he must sell cotton at any price that is offered, in order to meet his obligations, then he would do far better to change his plans for the coming year, cutting his cotton acreage materially, or abandoning it altogether. Home-grown corn and other farm products are to-day quite as staple and as ready money crops as cotton. All of these things should be considered now while wrestling with the present crop price, and steps taken to avoid this trouble as far as possible in the future. There is no argument to support a plan that, year after year, brings results so unsatisfactory as that which has prevailed in the South for so many years.

The following are the names of the committeemen who have charge of the petitions for Oconee county:

Wagner Township—Clinton Barker, J. D. Isbell, M. N. Hembree.

Tusculum Township—James Barrett, Clinton White, Samuel Bibb.

Seneca Township—E. A. Barron, A. H. Ellison, H. C. Walker.

Center Township—Andrew Bearden, J. H. Brown, J. P. Stripling.

Keowee Township—Mack Whitnair, W. M. Murphree, Asa Wood.

Committee at Large—T. L. Adams, John B. Harris, M. G. Holland, J. B. Pickett, M. M. Morris, W. C. Foster, H. L. Vermer, T. Y. Chalmers, J. H. Barnett, T. D. Alexander, Lawrence McMahan, J. D. McMahan, J. H. Dendy, J. R. Zachary.

The petition states thus briefly what the proposition for the consideration of the farmers is:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Oconee county, pledge ourselves to hold our cotton for the minimum price, if in our power to do so."

Opposite the name of the signer is a space for the holder to state how many bales he will endeavor to hold.

Sign the petition, and stick to your pledge. If you are under obligation to your merchant, go to him and make arrangements to carry your account a while longer. We do not believe there is a merchant in Oconee who will refuse to do anything that is reasonable to help the farmer in this critical time. It is to his interest just as it is to yours. Don't take things for granted.

LOOKING FORWARD.

Earl L. Ovington and Miss Matilda Molsant, aviators, have been doing a little Sunday aviation in New York, thus literally "flying in the face" of the courts, which have decided against aviation tests, where admission is charged, on the Sabbath.

Miss Molsant met with no small inconvenience and some bruises when she alighted, by reason of a clash with municipal officers, who sought to arrest her.

Recent incidents in connection with aviation herald the approach of the time when the things recounted in that popular novel, "Virginia of the Air Lines," heretofore regarded as an extravaganza of the imagination, may be but common-place, everyday occurrences. We can almost, in imagination, hear the awe-inspiring clang-clang-clang of the aerial black Maria as some vigilant police squad swoops down on an unsuspecting crew of a pirate ship of the air.

With traffic under him in tunnels and tubes, traffic about him by steam, electricity and gasoline motor, traffic above him by rail and by wing, what chance will the poor lubber of the metropolis have? He will be but a veritable wart on civilization, and it were better for him had he never been born, or, having met with that misfortune, that he had had a mill-stone about

his neck and been dropped into the sea.

The future of the "common people" is not altogether bright. If we look ahead some auto fiend may smash us from behind, and if we turn to look back to safety, behold a thousand dangers beset us from all other directions. If we take precautions against an unseen subterranean danger, some demon of the air may smite us, and if we gaze for an instant into the azure to avoid its terrors, what assurance have we that the very bowels of the earth will not convulse and shoot us heavenward?

We can but await patiently the day when we, too, the common people, can own automobiles, airships, submarines, trolleys and railroads, so that we may get into the great game of demolition. It must be great!

Ex-President Roosevelt is now devoting considerable space in The Outlook defending his record in connection with the Panama Canal, but, like most canals, his record to us looks pretty muddy.

The English sparrow, according to the Atlanta Journal, is the only bird that has not been immortalized by a thousand lyrics. We are prone to believe that if ever any one displays nerve enough to say a good word for the nasty little pest, such a one will be nothing less than a thousand liars combined in one.

SOME VERY FOOLISH THINGS.

Farmer Tells What He Thinks Most Foolish, and Some Others.

Editor Courier: We notice in your issue of last week a short article headed "A Very Foolish Thing." A good little write-up this, but your answer is not according to our way of thinking. We think the most foolish thing that we ever heard of is that the farmers will make a big crop of cotton when they can get more money for a little crop than they can get for a big one. Now, for down-right foolishness this certainly takes the cake.

Suppose you have a man chopping wood by the cord. You propose to pay him 50 cents per cord. You tell him that you will give him one dollar for a half cord, but you will give him only 50 cents for a whole cord. The most ignorant negro in all this land would stop when he put up the half cord, simply because he saves half his labor. But the farmers are doing something precisely like that, and they won't stop.

If we make fourteen million bales of cotton we get from 8 to 9 cents for it, and if we make seven million bales we get 18 to 20 cents for it. Besides we have saved half our labor, both for ourselves and our stock. We have saved half our fertilizer bill and still get more actual cash. Just think of that now, if you please, and you will agree with me.

There are some old gray-headed citizens in this county who will tell you that just after the war closed, in 1865 or 1866, cotton sold for 30 to 40 cents per pound. Why? Simply because there was but little cotton in the country. This seems to be sufficient proof of what supply and demand will do. But, unfortunately for our country, our farmer friends seem to be every one from Missouri, and you can't tell them anything; you have to show them everything.

One great drawback to our farmers is that a majority of them seem to want the whole world to know just what he is doing, and just how much he is making, of everything he plants. We see some little upstart go out on the side of the public road and lay off one acre of the best land on the farm. He will plow it up and put a ton of guano on this one acre. Then, if he makes a bale of cotton on it, he will run to town and get the editor of some newspaper and carry him out to look at his cotton. The editor will then go back to his office and publish to the world what this great farmer has done—made a bale of cotton to the acre. Then, again, some little Johnnie Jump-in in some other State will claim that he made two bales to the acre; then some body in some other State will say he made three bales to the acre. Then the bear speculators of New York will see all this and they will publish it in all the big daily papers in the United States, and they will be crying out, "Bumper crop! Bumper crop! Three bales to the acre!" all over the South. Then down goes the price of your cotton, when, as a matter of fact, probably there is hardly an average crop being made. But the price is down and the farmer did it himself.

Then the farmers of the South will get out a report that there is only a half crop of cotton being made; that a great drought has injured the crop 25 per cent; that the boll weevil is devouring the crop, etc. Well, then we find that the bear speculators, too, are all from Missouri, and we can't tell them anything. We have to show them before they will believe.

I happened on one occasion, not long since, to meet up with several farmers. One man said he had five bales of cotton now open in his field and could not get any hands to help gather it; another said he had six bales in his field open and could not get it gathered, and he said about half his fodder burned up before he could save it. Then in less than ten minutes they were talking about going to Texas or Oklahoma to get rich farming, when they had already made more here than they could gather.

Then there is another foolish thing. Why move away, gentlemen? Now, Johnnie, if you will put one ton of guano to the acre as you did on your cotton to make one bale, and then plant that acre in corn, you will make fifty bushels, and it will bring you fifty dollars, and your bale of cotton will only bring you forty-five dollars, and you don't have to go to New York to hunt up some little dude who never did a hard day's

work and never earned an honest dollar in his life, and get him to tell you what your corn is worth. It will bring you one dollar per bushel at your crib door. That is the price we sell at every year.

Now, friend farmer, suppose we plant half our crop in corn, wheat, oats, peas, potatoes, etc. Your wheat don't cost anything after it is sown until it is ready to harvest; same way with your oats. If we make our wheat we don't have to buy meat or lard; we will feed our stock on corn and oats and won't have to buy any hay. If we plant half our crop in grain we will then be able to hold our cotton until we get ready to sell. When we do this, then tell the bear speculators all about it. They won't tackle an independent man; they always strike men who are down.

Success To The Courier.

Yours, etc., J. A. Cook.

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The busiest little things ever made are Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globule of health that changes weakness into strength, languor into energy, brain-fag into mental power; curing constipation, headache, chills, dyspepsia, malaria. Only 25c. at all druggists.

10,000 Chinese Reported Killed.

Peking, Oct. 9.—Ten thousand persons were killed during recent fighting between anti-foreign insurgents and government troops in Szechuen Province, according to telegrams received from American missionaries at Cheng-Tu. Of the dead 2,000 were soldiers. Rebels are in possession of many cities southwest of Cheng-Tu. Soldiers have been sent against them.

Thousands of natives, homeless and destitute because of the fighting, have killed themselves.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE.

(In Court of Probate.)

John A. Ansel, as Administrator of the Estate of Robert Keith, deceased, Plaintiff,

against

Rebecca Steward, Sam Keith, Robert Lawrence, Mary Marett, Anna Aiken, Ella Johnson, Mamie Owens, Ben Johnson, Bub Johnson, Jim Johnson, Son Johnson, Sue Craig, Reuben Keith, Jeff Keith, Mattie Dukes, Victoria Brown, Bob Earle, Tom Earle, Warren Earle, Agnes Earle and C. W. Pitchford Company, Defendants.

Summons for Relief.—(Complaint not Served.)

To the Defendants Above Named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate for Oconee county, South Carolina, on September 22d, 1911, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint, on the subscribers, at their office, on the Public Square, at Walhalla, S. C., South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated September 22d, 1911.

(Seal.) D. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, S. C.

STRIBLING & DENDY, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

To the Absent Defendants Above Named: Please take notice that the Complaint in the above stated case was filed in the office of D. A. Smith, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina, on September 22d, 1911, and is for the purpose of selling the real estate of Robert Keith, deceased, to pay debts.

STRIBLING & DENDY, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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Italians in Turkey in Danger.

Constantinople, Oct. 9.—It is reported on good authority to-day that the government has addressed a note to the Powers, stating that it will expel all Italians from the country within a stated time unless Italy desists from her aggression in Tripoli.

The government has received messages from interior towns saying that the people will take the law into their own hands and drive out the Italians unless the government acts promptly. The committee of union and progress is said to have warned the government of the possibility of a massacre of Italians, if they remained in Turkey.

Don't trifle with a cold is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in case of a child. There is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs and colds in children. It is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Matter of

RUSKIN ANDERSON, Bankrupt.

To the Creditors and Debtors of the said RUSKIN ANDERSON, Seneca, in the County of Oconee, South Carolina:

Notice is hereby given that all Goods and Chattels belonging to the said RUSKIN ANDERSON will be sold at SENECA, S. C., for Cash, beginning Thursday, 9.30 a. m., OCTOBER 19th, 1911: Two Horses, two Wagons, two Buggies, Harness, etc., all Shelving, Show Cases, Scales, Iron Safe, Office Pictures, Desk, Typewriter, Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Clothing, Furniture, Ranges, Groceries, etc.

All Accounts, Notes and Mortgages due said RUSKIN ANDERSON must be paid on or before Saturday, October 21st, or action will be brought to force payment.

Said RUSKIN ANDERSON is authorized to receive money and to give receipt for same.

GEORGE B. WILSON, United States Adjutant.

Richmond, October 11, 1911. 41-42

Farms for SALE

In order to wind up the Estate of Jas. H. Adams, and settle with the heirs, I offer the following property for sale:

One Farm—Two miles from Westminster, on public road, containing 141½ acres; three houses; barns and mill site.

One Farm—Three miles from Seneca, on public road, containing 92 acres; dwelling and outbuildings.

One Farm—Near Oakway, on public road, containing 82 acres; 7-room dwelling; large barns; good pasture.

One Farm—Near Oakway, on public road, containing 43 acres; dwelling and barn.

"HICKORY CREST," in Seneca, containing 20 acres, with 14-room colonial home; hot and cold water; sewerage. Will sell entire place or will sell lots.

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Mrs. Dempie A. Adams, Administratrix

Estate J. H. Adams.

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This is owned by me individually, and is to be sold because I have much other business to look after, and acquired it recently by inheritance.

This place is located in the Welcome community, which is inhabited mostly by South Carolina people. Write me at once if you want it, as no such place can be bought at the price anywhere in South Georgia with anything like its advantages.

This property adjoins a farm recently purchased by Mr. A. L. Foster, R. F. D., Seneca, S. C.

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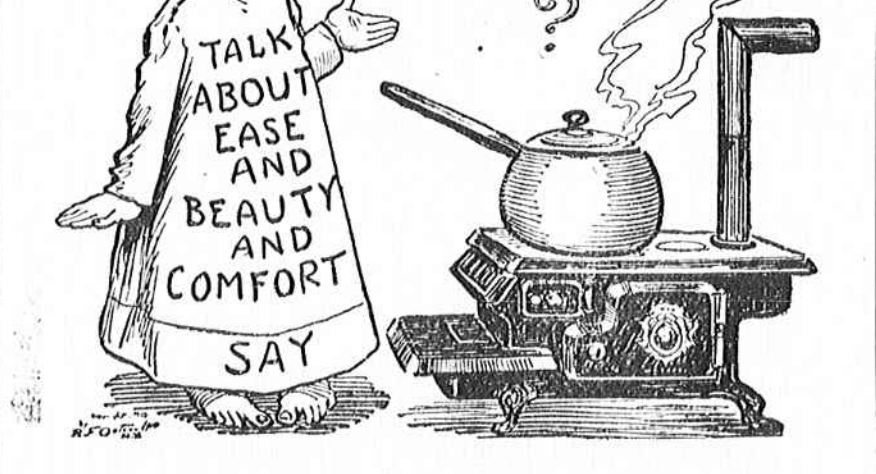
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